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# IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

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Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J2

Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 150 Symes Road under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

## **Reasons for Designation**

#### **Description**

The property at 150 Symes Road is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, associative and contextual values. Located on the southwest corner of Symes Road and Glen Scarlett Road, the Symes Road Incinerator (1933) is a three-storey public works building.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The Symes Road Incinerator is a well-crafted excellent representative example of a public works building designed with Art Deco features, which is particularly distinguished by its pyramidal massing, banding and linear decoration that are hallmarks of the style. It is part of a collection of civic architecture in the former City of Toronto with Art Deco styling that dates to the early 1930s and includes the landmark Horse Palace at Exhibition Place.

The Office of the City Architect designed the Symes Road Incinerator in a collaboration between Chief Architect J. J. Woolnough, his assistant and successor K. S. Gillies, and their chief designer, architect Stanley J. T. Fryer. During the early 1930s, this team produced an impressive series of civic buildings that were characterized and distinguished by Art Deco styling and included the Symes Road Incinerator.

Contextually, the property at 150 Symes Road is historically associated with its surroundings as a notable survivor from the industrial enclave anchored by the former Ontario Stockyards that developed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century along St. Clair Avenue West, west of Weston Road in West Toronto.

#### **Heritage Attributes**

The heritage attributes of the property at 150 Symes Road are:

- The Symes Road incinerator
- The materials, with brick cladding and brick, stone, metal and glass detailing

- The scale, form and massing of the near-square three-storey plan, with the two-storey section set back from and rising above the single-storey podium that is angled at the northeast corner
- The base with window openings, which is raised on the rear (west) elevation with ramps and openings for cargo doors
- The cornices along the rooflines of the first and third stories and, at the east end, the chimney
- On the principal (east) façade, the entrance block where the main entry is asymmetrically placed
- The main (east) entry, which is set in a stone frontispiece where paired doors and a transom are flanked by narrow sidelights and surmounted by a metal canopy, the datestone incised "1933", and linear stone detailing
- The secondary opening at the north end of the east façade
- The fenestration on all elevations, with flat-headed openings and, in the third storey, distinctive round windows
- The Art Deco detailing that includes the distinctive horizontal banding
- The original placement and setback of the Symes Incinerator near the southwest corner of Symes Road and Glen Scarlett Road where it is viewed from both streets

Notice of an objection to the proposed designations may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Rosemary MacKenzie, Administrator, Etobicoke York Community Council, Etobicoke Civic Centre, Main Floor, 399 The West Mall, Toronto, ON M9C 2Y2 within thirty days of July 23, 2013, which is August 22, 2013. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2013

Ulli S. Watkiss City Clerk